

Maryland and Delaware

Media Summary

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June Acreage Survey Results are Released by USDA

Survey results for the annual June crop survey were released by USDA on June 30. The survey indicates that the total acreage planted to most field crops has declined in Maryland from 2004 and have returned to 2003 levels. With the exception of soybeans, planted acreage has remained constant in Delaware.

Maryland: According to the June survey results, farmers have planted 470,000 acres of **corn** this year, down from 490,000 acres in 2004. Growers expect to harvest 400,000 acres for grain and the remaining 60,000 acres for silage and other uses. **Soybean** acreage is currently estimated at 460,000 acres, down from 500,000 acres in 2004. Farmers also indicate they will harvest 200,000 acres of **hay**, down from 215,000 acres in 2004. This includes 40,000 acres of **alfalfa** and 160,000 acres of all **other hay**. Small grains are at maturity, and of the 46,000 acres of **barley** planted, growers expect to harvest 42,000 acres for grain. One hundred forty thousand acres of **winter wheat** are expected to be harvested for grain, of 150,000 acres planted. The remainder will be harvested for silage or other uses, or remain unharvested as a cover crop. Maryland farmers also expect to harvest 4,600 acres of **potatoes**.

Delaware: Delaware farmers have planted 160,000 acres of **corn** this year, unchanged from 2004. They expect to harvest 150,000 acres for grain, with the remaining 10,000 acres used for silage or other purposes. **Soybean** acreage is estimated at 180,000 acres in 2005, down from 210,000 acres in 2004. Small grain acreage was unchanged from 2004, with 50,000 acres planted in **wheat** and 29,000 acres planted in **barley**. However, growers expect to harvest slightly more of the crop for grain this year, including 48,000 acres of wheat and 28,000 acres of barley. Farmers also expect to harvest 6,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** and 9,000 acres of all **other hay**, as well as 2,600 acres of **potatoes**.

United States: **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. Farmers increased corn plantings 179,000 acres from their March intentions. Dry conditions during April and May provided favorable planting conditions across much of the Corn Belt which allowed planting to progress well ahead of normal. Similar conditions prevailed in the northern and southern Great Plains.

The 2005 **soybean** planted area is estimated at 73.3 million acres, down 3 percent from last year's record high acreage. Area for harvest, at 72.4 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2004. The planted area is down 607,000 acres from the March Prospective Plantings report. Area planted decreased or was unchanged from last year in most of the 31 major soybean producing States, while planted area in 8 States increased, including Kansas, Missouri, and a new record-high soybean acreage in Nebraska.

ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2004 AND 2005

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Maryland		1,000 Acres						1,000	
Corn ¹	ACR	490	470	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	425	400	153	----	65,025	----
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	20	----	1,200	----
Soybeans	BU	500	460	495	455	43	----	21,285	----
Winter Wheat	BU	160	150	145	140	59	----	8,555	----
Barley	BU	42	46	39	42	73	----	2,847	----
All Hay	TON	----	----	215	200	2.65	----	570	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	40	40	3.30	----	132	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	175	160	2.50	----	438	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	260	----	1,196	----
Delaware									
Corn ¹	ACR	160	160	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	153	150	152	----	23,256	----
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	6	----	17	----	102	----
Soybeans	BU	210	180	208	178	42	----	8,736	----
Winter Wheat	BU	50	50	47	48	58	----	2,726	----
Barley	BU	29	29	26	28	80	----	2,080	----
All Hay	TON	----	----	14	15	2.93	----	41	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	6	6	3.90	----	23	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	8	9	2.30	----	18	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	3.3	2.7	3.1	2.6	260	----	806	----
United States		1,000,000							
Corn ¹	ACR	80,930	81,592	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	73,632	74,368	160	----	11,807	----
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	6,103	----	18	----	107	----
Soybeans	BU	75,208	73,303	73,958	72,384	43	----	3,141	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	43,350	41,408	34,462	34,271	44	----	1,499	----
Barley	BU	4,527	3,970	4,021	3,471	69	----	279	----
All Hay	TON	----	----	61,916	61,723	2.55	----	158	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	21,707	22,118	3.47	----	75	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	40,209	39,605	2.05	----	82	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	58.5	51.1	54.0	49.2	341	----	18	----

¹Acres planted is for all purposes.